States/UTs	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	20002001	2001-02
D & N Haveti	12.73	66.04	24.90	34.85	18.12	40.67
Daman & Diu	8.80	3.48	10.08	12.97	9.90	18.64
Lakshadweep	2.10	12.48	5.24	5.82	5.57	5.29
TOTAL:	13567.21	12352.34	11305.48	10055.84	9524.39	12525.87
Kala-azar	350.00	970.73	1000.00	1000.00	999.98	767.29
Estt. Research/ Publicity	470.51	513.76	571.10	541.35	578.75	519.20
EAC (World Bank Project)—		414.00	3517.39	6064.95	8185.89	8358.03
NDCP	14387.72	14250.83	16393.97	17662.14	19229.01	22170.39
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Features of new Health Policy

1255. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Health Policy envisages injection of more funds in the health sector;

(b) the present rate of GDP that Government are spending in health sector;

(c) the proposed rate of GDP that Goverment are thinking of infusing in the health sector;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the policy also envisages enforcement of two years rural posting before a MBBS student gets his degree;

(e) if so.the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The new National Health Policy envisages an increse in aggregate health sector expenditure from 5.2% of GDP to 6% of GDP by the year 2010.

(b) and (c) The public expenditure on health during 1999 is estimated to be 0.9% of GDP.The NHP-2002 envisages increasing the public health investment to 2% of GDP by the year 2010.

(d) to (f) The National Health Policy 2002 states that State Governments could rigorously enforce a mandatory two-year rural posting before the awarding of the graduate degree. Some State Governments have already made rural service compulsory before admission to P.G. courses or at the time of initial appointment.

Amendment in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

1256. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government p[r]opose to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act to include a clause on genetically modified food;

(b) whether our laboratories are fully equipped to test the genetically modified foods for safety certification; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The possibility of incorporating provision to regulate sale/import of GM foods under PFA Rules, 1955 is presently under consideration.

(b) and (c) At present, our laboratories are not fully equipped to test the genetically modified foods for safety certification. However, many of the Indian Laboratories are equipped for conducting food safety evaluation. Few of the Institutions namely, Industrial Toxicological Research Centre, Lucknow; GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology; Pant Nagar; Natioanl Dairy Research Institute Karnal; Central Avian Research Institute, BareiPy and Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai were engaged in food and feed safety evaluation of Genetically Modified Cotton.

WHO permission for manufacturing herbal drugs

1257. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Herbal Industry is awaiting a decision from World Health Organisation for manufacturing certain drugs;

(b) if so, whether such a permission is mandatory and if so, the details thereof;